

After struggling to overcome the challenge of Staines Town on Saturday, Wycombe Wanderers could well make mid-field changes when they take on local rivals Slough Town tonight (Tuesday) at Loakes Park.

Both Terry Reardon and Mick Holifield, regulars in last season's championship winning side, watched from the terraces on Saturday and saw Wycombe fail to impress in midfield. Reardon has been suffering with a leg injury sustained in pre-season training, while Holifield has only just returned from a holiday. Of the two, Reardon, a former Slough player, seems favourite to play, for Holifield has had little time to train and cannot be match fit.

Dave Alexander, who could hardly put a foot right against Staines, may well be the man to stand down. Apart from midfield, Wycombe are expected to retain the side that beat Staines 2-1.

Slough include three players

who have played for Wycombe before — Alan Gane, Paul Barron and Barry Davies. Gane was a regular at Loakes Park before signing professional with Brentford three years ago. He then went to Hereford, Chelmsford and Cambridge City before signing on for the Rebels.

Alan is one of three newcomers to Wexham Park this term. The others are forwards George Dobson and Paul Devis. Dobson made over 50 appearances for Brentford during a four-year stay during which time he broke his leg twice. Devis was with Hounslow last year.

The Rebels have lost last season's goalkeeper, Peter Spittle, another player who was once at Wycombe, to Woking in the close season, but Barron proved an able deputy in Saturday's 1-1 draw at home to Tooting and Mitcham. Terry Brown scored their goal.

Before that first league outing, Slough had won two of their three friendlies, drawing 1-1 at Chesham and then beating Thatcham 2-0 and Alvechurch 2-1 away, the latter result being most impressive.

Slough's line-up is expected to be: P. Barron, T. Turl, R. Underwood, B. Davies, D. Malley, J. Beyer, M. Stratford, A. Gane, R. Davis, T. Brown, G. Dobson, P. Devis.

After last year's trouble at their new Wexham Park ground, Slough are confident about their pitch for the coming season. Over £800 was spent on the surface during the summer and the Rebels expect to use their new facilities to the full.